

Claim Amendments

1. (Original): A method for making a fibrous layer, comprising:

refining cellulosic fibers to provide refined fibers, wherein the cellulosic fibers comprise crosslinked cellulosic fibers;

combining the refined fibers with a dispersion medium to provide a fibrous slurry;

depositing the fibrous slurry on a foraminous support to provide a wet 10 composite;

drying the wet composite to provide a fibrous layer.
2. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the cellulosic fibers comprise a blend of crosslinked cellulosic fibers and noncrosslinked cellulosic fibers.
3. (Original): The method of Claim 2, wherein the noncrosslinked fibers are at least one of softwood fibers or hardwood fibers.
4. (Original): The method of Claim 2, wherein the noncrosslinked fibers comprise southern pine fibers.
5. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the cellulosic fibers comprise a blend of crosslinked cellulosic fibers and southern pine fibers.
6. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein the cellulosic fibers comprise a refined blend of said crosslinked cellulosic fibers and southern pine fibers.
7. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the cellulosic fibers comprise a blend of crosslinked cellulosic fibers and refined southern pine fibers.
8. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the cellulosic fibers comprise a refined blend of crosslinked cellulosic fibers and refined southern pine fibers.
9. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the method is carried out on at least one of a Fourdrinier or a twin-wire papermaking machine.
10. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the method is at least one of a wetlaid method and a foam-forming method.
11. (Original): A method for making a fibrous layer, comprising:

refining cellulosic fibers to provide refined fibers, wherein the cellulosic fibers

comprise crosslinked cellulosic fibers;

combining the refined fibers with a dispersion medium to provide a fibrous slurry;

moving a first foraminous element in a first path;

moving a second foraminous element in a second path;

passing a first portion of the fibrous slurry into contact with the first foraminous element;

passing a second portion of the fibrous slurry into contact with the second foraminous element;

forming a fibrous web from the slurry by withdrawing liquid from the slurry through the first and second foraminous elements; and drying the web provide a fibrous layer.

12. (Original): The method of Claim 11, wherein the cellulosic fibers comprise a blend of crosslinked cellulosic fibers and noncrosslinked cellulosic fibers.

13. (Original): The method of Claim 12, wherein the noncrosslinked fibers are at least one of softwood fibers or hardwood fibers.

14. (Original): The method of Claim 12, wherein the noncrosslinked fibers comprise southern pine fibers.

15. (Original): The method of Claim 11, wherein the cellulosic fibers comprise a blend of crosslinked cellulosic fibers and southern pine fibers.

16. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 11, wherein the cellulosic fibers comprise a refined blend of said crosslinked cellulosic fibers and southern pine fibers.

17. (Original): The method of Claim 11, wherein the cellulosic fibers comprise a blend of crosslinked cellulosic fibers and refined southern pine fibers.

18. (Original): The method of Claim 11, wherein the cellulosic fibers comprise a refined blend of crosslinked cellulosic fibers and refined southern pine fibers.

19. (Original): The method of Claim 11, wherein the method is at least one of a wetlaid method or a foam-forming method.